

This is the first election that my son is eligible to vote in. I do not want him to see the electoral process at its ugliest. We enjoy the Sacramento station that has been told by Sinclair Broadcasting's to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I feel that this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and the harm that is being done to the spirit of free elections that we so enjoy in our country.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.